



Corvair Chatter

Message From the President:

***** NEW *****
Meeting Location:
Spaghetti Factory
 ➤ **Wednesday, JUNE 28, 2023**
6:00pm Social / 7:00pm Meeting
 ➤ **12401 Folsom Blvd.**
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742
 ➤ **Phone# (916) 985-0822**

Membership Dues 2023:
 Please renew & pay your membership dues now. They are due by the last day of February annually. The price per year is \$20.00. Please send checks or cash to Jim Kindley. Make checks payable to: "CCRC". Please contact Jim Kindley, CCRC Treasurer for additional questions.

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Hello Classic Corvair of River City Members:

I'm looking forward to having the club picnic at our ranch on the 17th of this month. The RSVP's are at 48 attendees, and the order is in at the caterer for BBQ brisket and chicken plus the fixings. Every family is asked to please bring their favorite desert to share, so it should be a tasty affair. Entertainment will be horseshoes, corn hole, a collection of vintage cars, and a concert by the birds on the property.

Don't forget and drive to Denny's Orangevale for the monthly meeting. You will most likely be lonely, as the meeting has moved to the [Old Spaghetti Factory at the corner of Hazel and Folsom in Rancho. Dinner is at 6pm, and the meeting starts around 6:45 pm.](#)

The July Officer's meeting will be at the home of John Hafkenschiel at 1611 Alvina Ave., Sacramento, Ca. Meeting starts at 7pm. The State Fare has invited us to show our cars this year on Thursday, July 27th. Watch for an email from John Heiser with more information.

The Ice Cream Social has been planned for October 8th, 2023 at Leatherby's on Sunrise. Look for an email with more details soon to come.

Til next newsletter,

Drive Life Safely
 Jim Brown



Latest CCRC News

Meeting Minutes: By John Heiser May 24, 2023

Meeting started at 6:43 pm and was adjourned at 7:35 pm. There were 18 members present. In attendance were 2 new perspective members, Sandy & her Father Harold. We mentioned that the auto manuals at AutoZone are on sale. Next board meeting, July 12. Treasures report was provided along with current parts for sale. Quick discussion on upcoming events including the BBQ-picnic. Big discussion in moving the meeting place to Spaghetti Factory in June. The club approved the meeting relocation of Old Spaghetti Factory at Hwy 50 & Hazel exit.

Ongoing Events:

Sacramento Hollywood Park Auto Club -Classic Cars: Meets every 3rd Sunday 10:00 am at Leonardo DaVinci School. CCRC Club Member started this gathering, so let's join in.

Carmichael Bel Air Sunday Cars and Coffee. 4005 Manzanita Avenue at the intersection of Fair Oaks Blvd and Manzanita Avenue near the corner of Cypress. Time: 7:30am to 10:00am.

Folsom Cars and Coffee: 1st & 2nd Saturdays -Town Center, El Dorado Hills, 3rd & 4th and occasional 5th Saturdays, 430 Palladio Parkway in Folsom at the Palladio. 7:00 am – 9:30 am.

Red Bus Brewery: Air-cooled drive-in gathering at Red Bus Brewery on Reading Street in Folsom – 2nd Thursday of each month at 6pm. There will be specials on beverages and pizza.

NOR*CAL Cycle & Car Swap: July 9, Sept 17, Nov 12, Dec 10- Motorcycle/ Hot Rod/ Vintage Goods- West Wind Sacramento 6 Drive-In. 9616 Oates Dr., Sacramento, CA 95827/ 951-852-3800 @THECYCLESWAPTHECYCLESWAP.COM

In Planning: Monthly Sunday meet-up at a restaurant for breakfast/brunch then a tour or cruise.

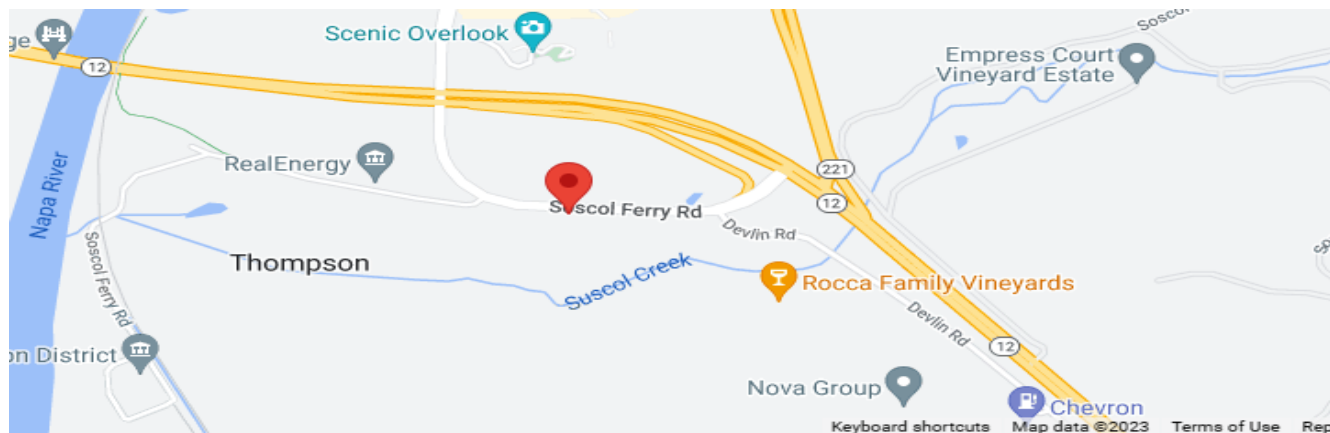
Upcoming Events:

VairFest 2023: Arroyo Grande, CA on June 23-25. "...it's more than just a car show". The 3-day event includes the Friday evening pasta dinner and movie, Saturday car show and benefit raffle, Saturday evening live performance at the Melodrama Theater, and Sunday morning breakfast. It's a great way to spend a weekend in the beautiful Central Coast region of California.

Go to Central Coast CORSA website at www.centralcoastcorsa.org

More info on these events: Contact Vince Petrie, Treasurer - Central Coast CORSA vwvince@pacbell.net (mailto:vwvince@pacbell.net) or 805-481-5757

2nd Annual Vairs at the Vault: Napa, CA Sept 9,2023- 10AM-2:30PM- LOCATION: 1055 Social Ferry Rd. Napa, CA 94558 Near Junction Hwy 29 & 221 /// RSVP for this is MANDATORY, so please RSVP here with your name and email address or send an email to sfbacorsa@gmail.com.



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www.deansgarage.com



Birthdays

June 02- Scott Pedicord
June 05- Susan Schoen
June 05- Thomas Tucker
June 06- Patricia Graham
June 13- Travis Fowler
June 29- Joe Aguirre
June 30- Jodie Stovall

Previous Month

May 01- Janice Tucker
May 11- Cyndi James
May 11- Carl Meyer
May 16- Ted Lechner Jr.
May 16- John Lock
May 30- Kari Emery-Cotner
May 31- Beverly Stone

New Members

Sandy & Paul Beretta
Ed & Carleen De Gennaro
Brandon Scott Matharu
Scott Pedicord

CCRC CLUB MEMBER ASSISTANCE:

In order to get more cars on the road, the club leadership is offering assistance to members that have Corvairs that need help to get them running. This help will be in the form of technical expertise, mechanic labor and possible financial assistance. If you have a Corvair that needs work, **contact John Heiser at JohnHeiser6@gmail.com** and give him the details on what you require in the way of help.

***A committee will review the requests and select the best candidates. Remember the goal is to get more Corvairs at our club events. Those chosen will be expected to participate and help the club increase the number of cars that we put on display.**

Let Us Hear From You:

CORVAIR CHATTER Newsletter - Let us know if there is something that you'd like to see in our monthly newsletter. Members can write articles to review events (event photos, etc.) and submit for consideration to be included in the newsletter. Email your thoughts to Kari Emery-Cotner at 4484.business@gmail.com.

Club Activities - You may have some great ideas for club activities. We want to hear them! Better yet, we'd like you to participate in the planning of your activity idea. Email your ideas to Carl Funk at: edieboopboop@yahoo.com & John Heiser at JohnHeiser6@gmail.com.

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#2: Corvair engines in any condition. 102 hp, 110 hp, 140 hp and turbos. **Contact Wes Nicholas at (916) 989-8929.**

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1. 1965 110 engine with automatic transaxle

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4. M differential 3.55 \$200.00
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Additional Corvair parts are available for purchase. Please contact us to see if we have what you have been looking for to complete your project. Contact **Wes Nicholas at (916) 989-8929.**

➤ Complete Chrome Molding Trim for Front Window of Corvair Rampside-\$200.00- Contact Danita Emery-Cotner at (916) 521-6067

Annual CCRC Picnic

It's time to celebrate Classic Corvairs of River City - Members and Appreciation day! Come on out for the Club's picnic!

Classic Corvairs of River City club members are invited to a club catered BBQ picnic at Jim and Lee Brown's place on Saturday June 17, 2023. An RSVP was needed by June 10, 2023. (RSVP: send a text message or email to John Heiser at (916) 365-6589 or Johnheiser6@gmail.com) Limiting the BBQ picnic to 50 members including family.

➤ *Please pay \$5.00 at the gate for the picnic or please send cash or check made out to "CCRC" and mail to the CCRC Treasurer, Jim Kindley, 4035 Canyon Dr. Fair Oaks, CA 95628.*

[BBQ Picnic Address: 12245 Harness Lane, Galt, CA 95632](#)

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or later.

This appreciation BBQ picnic is being hosted by CCRC and catered by a local business. Menu: Brisket, chicken, two sides and rolls. Chairs, tables, utensils, soft drinks, water are provided. **Please bring a favorite dessert to share if you can.**

There will be a tour of the Ranch where you will see a vintage collection of cars and enjoy some of the country.

Please drive your Corvair to the picnic to show our club members. Please see the emailed flyer that John Heiser sent out to all members as it also includes directions to Jim and Lee's place.

For those wishing to bring your own alcohol, must be 21 years or older, no glass containers and please drink responsibly.

There are plenty of shade trees. Don't forget Frisbees, towels, sun block. Anticipate a Corvair coloring contest with a trophy to be presented.

Again, **RSVP was needed for this event by June 10, 2023** for those wishing to attend. We are trying to make this event special to show all of you how much we appreciate your membership.

CCRC Members Appreciation Day Picnic

Saturday June 17, 2023

Jim and Lee Brown's Place

12245 Harness Lane

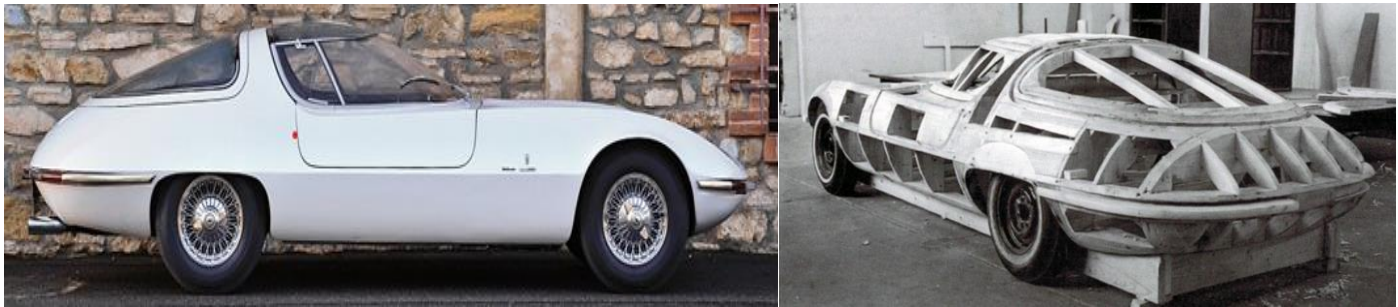
Galt, CA 95632

Directions: Easiest way to get here is 99 south to Central Galt. Go thru first light (A St), turn left at second signal onto Boessow Rd. Take Boessow Rd about 3 miles and turn left onto Alta Mesa. At 4way stop, continue straight. About 3/4 mile, turn right onto Harness Ln, and go to property with white pipe fencing.

June Featured Article

Built in Italy, Inspired by Porsche: The "Turtle" Was the Greatest Corvair of All Time: [Razvan Calin](#)

Among the quirky contraptions that made it out of the Detroit Big Three's assembly plants, the Chevrolet Corvair is a special breed for one main reason. Its architecture was entirely and utterly non-American, with cargo space in front of the passengers and the engine strapped over the rear axle.



If it sounds familiar, it's Porsche's fault. Not the company's, the man's. Ferdinand Porsche brought about the VW Beetle, and Chevrolet wanted to have a go at the design. What came of GM's attempt was the Corvair, an exciting car in itself, albeit vastly against the flow of what the United States of Automobile was preaching to Planet Piston.

The Corvair was delicate, almost fragile in appearance, and the engineering revolution it advocated wasn't to the taste of the domestic public. On top of it all, the sacrilege of putting a flat-six air-cooled plant in the trunk was aggravated by its meager displacement of 145 cubic inches (2.4 liters).

For V8's sake, that was the straw that broke the camel's chassis. Although it didn't disappoint in the sales department – at least not in the first six of its ten-year production run, the Corvair fell victim to several issues.

Most were internal, but the decisive blow came from Ford when the Mustang came out. America suddenly realized the new automobile style from the Blue Oval was precisely what it had been waiting for since the invention of internal combustion transportation.

However, there is one Corvair that America would have loved with fierce passion – if it had come to the States. It's called the Testudo, and it was built in Europe. On top of that, only one example was assembled, the prototype.

Why dare I say this car would have been a gearhead's midsummer night's dream? Because the Porsches are, and this Corvair was the next best thing to the famous sports car from [Germany](#). Sure, it looks nothing like a standard Chevrolet Corvair – it wasn't meant to – and perhaps this might have been the approach Chevrolet should have endorsed with this oddball automobile.



Spurred by the Beetle's success in America, GM sought to export American-made motoring to the Old World. However, returning to the roots wasn't as easy as the world's largest carmaker hoped. Europeans had very different tastes in automobiles. While specific models from Italy, Germany, England, or France found customers across the Atlantic, the favor was not quickly returned.

Oversized Detroit cars did not fit in the intricate motor landscape of Europe – not with the design that sold millions in the States. "When in Rome, do like the Romans," GM bosses murmured to themselves. It is Italy where they searched for the solution to their market expansion ambitions.

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In short, Chevrolet sent a couple of [Corvaire](#) 900 Monza chassis to two Italian coachbuilders – one of those was Bertone. The head of the company immediately appointed his chief of design, a 24-year-young man named Giorgetto – to pen a body.



What came out of the imaginative man's hands is automobile history – for two reasons. First, with the Testudo, the designer got a free hand on a project. His ideas would eventually start a styling revolution that endures to this day. And secondly, the car itself became a motoring piece of art – never replicated, never mass-produced, and never morphed into a large-scale American piston dream reality.

Giorgetto's other name is Giugiaro, and the Chevrolet Corvaire Testudo was his first full-scale design. Testudo is "turtle" in Latin – the name implies the rounded shape of the back and the visible horizontal line that divides the body into an upper and lower half. Bertone didn't shy away from putting the slow animal as an emblem on the back – check the gallery for the peculiar detail.

The fluid lines of the Testudo inspired future designs – the [Porsche 928](#) is a direct spiritual descendant of Giugiaro's masterpiece. The turtle-badged Corvaire wasn't a show car but a fully working prototype. Giuseppe Bertone drove it over the Alps to Switzerland at the 1963 Geneva Auto Show for its official presentation – and the vehicle made quite a sensation.

Giorgetto Giugiaro drove it back to Turin after the event. Probably during that motoring gathering from March 1963, Bertone's styling drew the attention of another tremendous Italian name. Lamborghini was showcasing its first automobile, the 350GT, in Geneva. The long and fruitful association between the House of the Raging Bull and Bertone could be the merit of this Corvaire.

Apart from its stunning looks and daring features – the fighter jet-inspired plexiglass canopy, steering yoke, and offset instrumentation gauges – the Testudo has a profoundly brief history. If grammar doesn't agree with the two terms working alongside, note that the chassis was delivered to Bertone in the winter of '62. On March 3 of the following year, the car drove from Italy to the Swiss car convention and back.

If that is not a fantastic engineering feat, then I don't know what else is. The coachbuilder needed just two short months to practically invent the automobile. The Corvaire Monza chassis was shortened and strengthened while the drive train was left untouched. This is perhaps the turtle-most feature of the Testudo – the crucial "go fast" element isn't awe-inspiring.



At least, not by American standards of 1963, which were a pledge of allegiance to the classic layout of liquid-cooled front-engine and gearbox and rear-wheel drive. The Testudo came with the Corvaire high-performance 145 cubic-inch flat-six rear-mounted plant. It was small enough to allow Giugiaro to create his wonderful optical illusion but strong enough to push the car around without effort.

When seen from the side, the long hood immediately gave the onlooker the impression that a massive engine resided in front of the cabin, in the tradition of European sports cars. The small flat-six neatly fit in the small space behind the two seats, directly over the rear axle. The four-speed manual transaxle and engine assembly added enough weight over the drive wheels to keep the car firmly in its tracks.

[The output](#) from the overhead camshaft, two-valves-per-cylinder, twin-down-draught-carbureted engine was rated at 102 hp (103 PS) and 134 lb-ft (182 Nm). The Berlinetta body left a sporty impression, partly due to its sleek styling and shallow height.

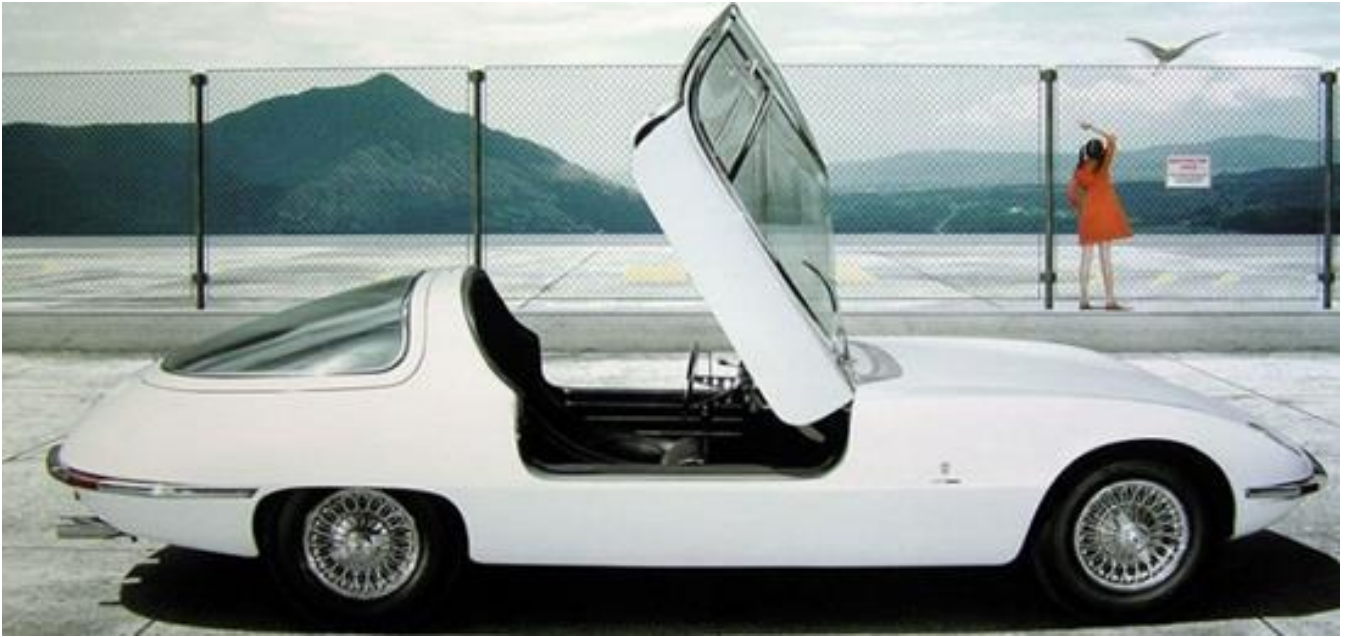
Bumper to bumper, the Testudo measured just 169 inches (4.3 meters), with a wheelbase of 94.5 inches (2.4 meters). At almost 68 inches wide (1.7 meters) and 41.7 inches tall (1,060 millimeters), the Turtle appears to be a track-born athlete. At just 1,980 lbs (898 kg), it was nine hundred pounds (400 kg) lighter than a same-year split-window [Corvette](#).

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To aid the dynamics of the Testudo, Bertone installed all-around independent suspension with wishbones, coil springs, telescopic dampers, and an anti-roll bar at the front. Semi-trailing swing axles and coil springs support the rear, and four-wheel drum brakes provide stopping power

More than a decade after drawing this stunning Corvair, Giugiaro recalled the Testudo "was a car with which I really felt I contributed to car design." Influences of his first significant project are still visible today, despite GM never pushing forward with the concept.

The American motoring giant – pressed by the cataclysmic success of Ford's Mustang – dropped the Corvair altogether by the end of the sixties. Instead, Chevrolet focused on another project that would eventually become a motoring icon: [the Camaro](#).



CCRC Picnic Time June 17, 2023

